

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-21 are pending in the application.

The Examiner rejects claims 1 and 3-20 in view of Brooks and McMahon.

As previously described, Brooks has no disclosure of a visual system. The omission of any reference to a visual system is conspicuous in its absence. The presently claimed invention is directed toward a visual recognition system. The Brooks reference is not a proper reference. There would be no motivation to lift elements from a non-visual system such as Brooks to combine them with elements of a visual system.

McMahon is a device for providing real-time display of fingerprint impressions to facilitate corrective action, for example to prompt the generation of a new print if the original print is unsatisfactory. See col. 3 lines 43-58 of McMahon. This reference requires direct contact of the finger with an input window surface of the prism in order to create a print on the window surface. See col. 4 lines 5-12, 63-68 of McMahon. A life sized image of the fingerprint, not the actual finger, is produced for real-time observation by a fingerprint device operator, so that a decision may be made by the operator as to whether the print is adequate or whether another is needed. See col. 4 lines 20-27, 31-33 of McMahon.

Fujimoto discloses a scanner having a specific fixed focal length. It discloses scanning a fixed finger once the finger has been fully inserted into the device, and requires the finger to be located at a fixed predetermined reading location. It has no disclosure of scanning a moving finger.

The claimed subject matter has been amended to further distinguish over the cited art.

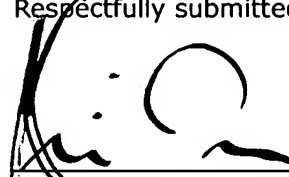
CONCLUSION

Applicant asserts that all of the objections have been obviated, and now respectfully requests withdrawal of those objections and an allowance of this application.

PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF THE TERM

Applicant respectfully requests an extension of the normal term for reply to the Office action dated 27 July 2006 for three-months from 27 October 2006 to 27 January 2007. Submitted herewith is a check for \$510 to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to deposit account no 04-2219 referencing our docket number 13011.

Respectfully submitted,



Keith H. Orum
Attorney Registration No. 33985
Attorney for Applicant

DRUM & ROTH LLC
53 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60604-3606
TELEPHONE: (312) 922-6262

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on 29 January 2007.



Keith Orum